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I am writing to strongly support H 5683 and changes made in Budget article 13; sec 5.

I am writing as the pastor of the Woodridge Congregational church and the chair of the Cranston Clergy Association in support of this bill and these budget changes.

Our support is for a basic social safety net to be strengthened in RI, particularly for our lowest income residents who have faced some of the harshest economic blows from the pandemic. As we thankfully begin to emerge out of the pandemic, we believe this is the time to specifically help those who are suffering economically and to assist them as they recover along with the rest of us. In addition, we see this as a bill that supports low income children, some of the most vulnerable in our state at this time.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this bill and budget changes.

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